No.

2:21-cv-2474-MSN

JURY DEMANDED

1UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

PATRICK GREER and TRACEY GREER, Wife,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC., PATRICK E. WATT and JOHNS/JANES DOE 1-5,

Defendants.

(#16) DEFENDANTS' MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE EXPERT TESTIMONY AND REPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' NEURORADIOLOGICAL EXPERT, TRAVIS SNYDER, D.O.

COMES NOW DEFENDANTS, Waste Connections of Tennessee, Inc. and Patrick E. Watt ("Defendants"), by and through undersigned counsel, and respectfully file this Motion in Limine to Exclude the Expert Testimony and Report of Plaintiffs' neuroradiological expert, Travis Snyder, D.O., pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rules 403 and 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

In support of the same, Defendants would state and show unto this Honorable Court that Plaintiffs' Expert Disclosures, inclusive of Dr. Snyder's Expert Report, fail to provide a "complete statement of all opinions" to which Dr. Snyder is expected to testify at trial, in violation of Rule 26(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. By virtue of such failure, Defendants are left to speculate as to the subject matter(s) and scope of Dr. Snyder's proposed testimony, which is precisely the outcome that the disclosure requirements of Rule 26 seek to avoid. Defendants would

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submit that such failure and the resulting outcome warrant the exclusion of Dr. Snyder's "Expert Report" and any testimony he is expected to offer at trial.

Even if a "complete statement" of Dr. Snyder's opinions had been properly disclosed in accordance with Rule 26, Defendants would submit that the proposed testimony of Dr. Snyder – to the extent it can be known – is insufficient to withstand scrutiny under Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and the standards set forth by the Supreme Court in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993). Dr. Snyder's Expert Report contains diverse and, at times, contradictory findings based on speculative and non-statistically significant data, rendering Dr. Snyder's conclusions unreliable and unsupported by the evidence.

Given the inherently complex nature of the subject matter to which Dr. Snyder is presumably expected to testify, a mere cursory review of Dr. Snyder's deposition transcript is sufficient to readily determine that Dr. Snyder's testimony is unlikely to help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or determine a fact in issue. To the extent Dr. Snyder's testimony is deemed relevant to this case, its minimal probative value is substantially outweighed by a high likelihood that its presentation will further confuse already complex issues and mislead the jury. In addition to resulting in the needless presentation of cumulative evidence and wasting time, these dangers are sufficiently likely so as to justify a preliminary determination that Dr. Snyder's proposed testimony must be excluded from trial.

For the foregoing reasons, as more fully set forth in the supporting Memorandum of Law filed contemporaneously herewith, Defendants respectfully request that this Motion be granted, and that the Court enter an Order excluding Dr. Snyder's Expert Report and any testimony he is expected to offer at trial.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL UNDER LOCAL RULE 7.2

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.2, I, Nelson Rainey, do hereby certify that I discussed this motion with opposing counsel Howard Manis on July 21, 2023 by telephone and the Plaintiffs advised that they opposed all items in this motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via CM/ECF on this the 21st day of July, 2023, upon the following:

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